GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TRIPARTITE TALKS BETWEEN INDIA, RUSSIA AND CHINA .
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SRINIVASULU KALAVA;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tripartite talks between India, Russia and China were held in New York on the sidelines of U.N. General Assembly meeting;

(b) if so, the issues discussed and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether such talks are likely to be held in future also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a) to (d) An informal luncheon meeting between the Foreign Ministers of India, Russia and China took place on September 14, 2002 in New York.

The meeting did not have any agenda. The three Foreign Ministers exchanged views on the topical issues on the agenda of the 57th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. It was agreed to continue contacts in this format.